

standards of conduct and duty. It was the business of the former to live by the full standard. All classes, however^ accepted the standards as valid, and the layman conformed to them at times, or as far as worldly life would permit. Elizabeth of Thuringia seems to be the ideal of the married woman, but her saintliness interfered with her other duties, and even her own time does not seem to have been sure in its judgment of her. That she was flogged is a fact which has many relations to her character and her age.¹ All admired men who practiced asceticism and self-discipline. The types of the age were knightliness and saintliness. They were both highly elaborated. The knightly type began to develop in the time of Charlemagne and ran through the crusades. It contained grotesque and absurd elements. The story of the crusades is a criticism upon it. The knight was a fantastic person, who might do isolated deeds of valor, but who could not make a plan, work persistently to a purpose, cooperate with others, or either enforce or submit to discipline. Both the knight and the saint were ideal types which exerted a controlling power of selection through centuries.

207. The standard type of man. Is the ideal of the man-as-he-should-be to be found, for us, in the "common man," or in the highest product of our culture? That is a most vital question for any society. It includes the question whether the society has a discord in itself as to its own ideal of the type of men it wants to produce. In the upper strata of the masses, amongst the educated, industrious, sober-minded people of good incomes, there exists the best family life. The children live constantly with their parents, and the latter watch over the

health, manners,
and morals of the children unceasingly from birth
to maturity.
The same parents make great sacrifices for the
education of
their children, although the class, as a class,
has means to
secure what is necessary without hard sacrifice.
The point is
that they value education highly and get it. We also
multiply
educational institutions. We feel sure that all this is
good work.
The churches and all good literature constantly
inculcate good
manners and morals according to the standards
in the present

¹ Michael, *Gesch. d. Deutschen Volkes*, II, 209-214.